

APPENDIX 5 BUCS MATCH OFFICIALS REQUIREMENTS

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This document should be read in conjunction with BUCS REG 10 ('MATCH OFFICIALS') and the relevant BUCS Sport Specific Regulations.

Please note: BUCS deems it to be good practice that institutions check the qualification status of all officials with the relevant governing body, ahead of appointment.

*Items highlighted in **TURQUOISE** are additions/amendments to Appendix 5 for the 2025-26 season. Items highlighted in **GREEN** are amendments made on 2 October 2025.*

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

	OFFICIALS				
	NUMBER REQUIRED	NUMBER RECOMMENDED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES	3	4	INTERIM OFFICIAL (AS PER AMF 9.4)*	APPOINTED BY BAFRA	NO
ALL KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	3	7 FOR FINALS, 5 FOR ALL OTHER ROUNDS	INTERIM OFFICIAL (AS PER AMF 9.4)*	APPOINTED BY BAFRA	NO
<i>*Only to be used where BAFRA are unable to appoint officials.</i>					

BADMINTON

	OFFICIALS			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	MATCHES ARE SELF-OFFICIATED*			
*BUCS will appoint officials for National Championship and National Trophy Finals.				

BASEBALL

	UMPIRES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	1	TRAINED*	YES
<i>*Someone that can officiate the game in a confident manner – creating a safe and equitable environment for all players. This needs to recognise the difference in experience and ability that they will no doubt encounter.</i>			

BASKETBALL

LEAGUES	REFEREES						TABLE OFFICIALS		
	CREW CHIEF			UMPIRE					
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION*	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION*	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION*	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER	1	LEVEL 3 (England and Wales) LEVEL 2 (Scotland)	YES	1	LEVEL 3 (England and Wales) LEVEL 2 (Scotland)	YES	3	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	NO
TIER 1	1	LEVEL 3 (England and Wales) LEVEL 2 (Scotland)	YES	1	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	YES	3*	LEVEL 2** (England and Wales) LEVEL 1** (Scotland)	NO
TIER 2	1	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	NO	1	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	NO	2	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	NO
TIER 3 AND BELOW	1	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	NO	1	LEVEL 1	NO	2	LEVEL 1	NO
* For a qualification to be considered valid, a Referee or Table Official must hold a current registration and licence with Basketball England/Basketball Scotland/Basketball Wales.									
** Whilst it is preferable that all Table Officials are qualified, where this is not possible, a competent and trained, but unqualified, Shot Clock Operator is permitted.									

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES						TABLE OFFICIALS		
	CREW CHIEF			UMPIRE					
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION*	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION*	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION*	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	1	LEVEL 3 (England and Wales) LEVEL 2 (Scotland)	YES	1	LEVEL 3 (England and Wales) LEVEL 2 (Scotland)	YES	3	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	YES
NATIONAL TROPHY	1	LEVEL 3 (England and Wales) LEVEL 2 (Scotland)	YES	1	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	YES	3*	LEVEL 2** (England and Wales) LEVEL 1** (Scotland)	YES
CONFERENCE CUP	1	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	NO***	1	LEVEL 1	NO***	2	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	NO***
* For a qualification to be considered valid, a Referee or Table official must hold a current registration and licence with Basketball England/Basketball Scotland/Basketball Wales.									
**Whilst it is preferable that all Table Officials are qualified, where this is not possible, a competent and trained, but unqualified, Shot Clock Operator is permitted.									
***Except for Final where all officials must be neutral.									

CRICKET

LEAGUES	UMPIRES			SCORERS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER (MEN'S NATIONAL)	2	BOTH UMPIRES MUST BE QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF AN OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION RECOGNISED BY THE ECB	NO	1*	N/A	NO
PREMIER TIER (MEN'S NORTH/SOUTH)	2	BOTH UMPIRES MUST BE QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF AN OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION RECOGNISED BY THE ECB	NO	1*	N/A	NO
PREMIER TIER (WOMEN'S NORTH/SOUTH)	2	BOTH UMPIRES MUST BE QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF AN OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION RECOGNISED BY THE ECB	NO	1*	N/A	NO
TIER 1	2	BOTH UMPIRES MUST BE QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF AN OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION RECOGNISED BY THE ECB	NO	1*	N/A	NO
TIERS 2 AND BELOW	2	AT LEAST 1 OF THE UMPIRES MUST BE A QUALIFIED MEMBER OF AN OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION RECOGNISED BY THE ECB	NO	1*	N/A	NO
<i>*Each team is required to provide their own scorer.</i>						

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	UMPIRES			SCORERS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	2	BOTH UMPIRES MUST BE QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF AN OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION RECOGNISED BY THE ECB	NO	1*	N/A	NO
MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY (MEN'S)	2	BOTH UMPIRES MUST BE QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF AN OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION RECOGNISED BY THE ECB	NO	1*	N/A	NO
<i>*Each team is required to provide their own scorer.</i>						

DODGEBALL

	HEAD REFEREE			ASSISTANT OFFICIALS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	1	APPOINTED BY BD		5	N/A	NO

FENCING

	REFEREES			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	1*	NONE	LEVEL 2	NO*
<i>*Whilst independent referees are preferable for all matches, if an independent referee is not available then the refereeing duties shall be shared between the two teams.</i>				

FOOTBALL

LEAGUES	REFEREES				ASSISTANT REFEREES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER	1	LEVEL 5 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3A (Wales)	LEVEL 4 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 2 (Wales)	YES	2	LEVEL 6 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3B (Wales)	NO
TIER 1	1	LEVEL 6 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3B (Wales)	LEVEL 5 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3A (Wales)	YES	N/A	N/A	NO
TIER 2	1	LEVEL 7 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 4A (Wales)	LEVEL 6 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3B (Wales)	NO	N/A	N/A	NO
TIER 3 AND BELOW	1	LEVEL 7 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 4A (Wales)	LEVEL 6 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3B (Wales)	NO	N/A	N/A	NO

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES				ASSISTANT REFEREES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	1	LEVEL 5 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3A (Wales)	LEVEL 4 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 2 (Wales)	YES	2	LEVEL 6 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3B (Wales)	YES
NATIONAL TROPHY	1	LEVEL 5 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3A (Wales)	LEVEL 4 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 2 (Wales)	YES	2	LEVEL 6 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3B (Wales)	YES
CONFERENCE CUP	1	LEVEL 7 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 4A (Wales)	LEVEL 6* (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3B* (Wales)	SEMI-FINAL ONWARDS ONLY	2*	LEVEL 7 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 4A (Wales)	YES
CONFERENCE TROPHY/SHIELD	1	LEVEL 7 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 4A (Wales)	LEVEL 6* (England and Scotland) LEVEL 3B* (Wales)	SEMI-FINAL ONWARDS ONLY	2*	LEVEL 7 (England and Scotland) LEVEL 4A (Wales)	YES
*Required for Final.							

FUTSAL

LEAGUES	REFEREES				TIMEKEEPERS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER	1*	LEVEL 4 (England) FAW/SFA Futsal Conversion Course (Wales/Scotland)	LEVEL 1	YES	1	N/A	NO
TIER 1	1**	LEVEL 4 (England) FAW/SFA Futsal Conversion Course (Wales/Scotland)	LEVEL 2	YES	1	N/A	NO
TIER 2	1	LEVEL 4 (England) FAW/SFA Futsal Conversion Course (Wales/Scotland)	LEVEL 3	NO	1	N/A	NO
TIER 3 AND BELOW	1	LEVEL 4 (England) FAW/SFA Futsal Conversion Course (Wales/Scotland)	LEVEL 3	NO	1	N/A	NO

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES				TIMEKEEPERS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	1*	LEVEL 4 (England) FAW/SFA Futsal Conversion Course (Wales/Scotland)	LEVEL 1	YES	1	N/A	NO
NATIONAL TROPHY	1**	LEVEL 4 (England) FAW/SFA Futsal Conversion Course (Wales/Scotland)	LEVEL 2	YES	1	N/A	NO
CONFERENCE CUP	1	LEVEL 4 (England) FAW/SFA Futsal Conversion Course (Wales/Scotland)	LEVEL 3	SEMI-FINAL ONWARDS ONLY	1	N/A	NO
*Two referees where possible. If the FA Futsal Referee Appointments Officer is able to appoint two referees, then institutions/Playing Entities must accept both appointments and cannot decline one of them.							
**Two referees where possible.							

Gaelic Football

TBC

GOLF

	OFFICIALS			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	MATCHES ARE SELF-OFFICIATED*			
*BUCS will appoint officials for the National Championship Semi-Finals and the National Championship and National Trophy Finals.				

HOCKEY

LEAGUES	UMPIRES			TECHNICAL OFFICIALS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER (NATIONAL)	2	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) B BADGE (Scotland)	YES (LEVEL 2/B BADGE OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL)	1	N/A	NO
PREMIER TIER (NORTH/SOUTH)	2	LEVEL 1 ASSESSED (England and Wales) LEVEL 1/C BADGE ASSESSED (Scotland)	YES (LEVEL 2/B BADGE OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL)	N/A	N/A	N/A
TIER 1	2	LEVEL 1 ASSESSED (England and Wales) LEVEL 1/C BADGE ASSESSED (Scotland)	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A
TIERS 2-4	2	1 x LEVEL 1 ASSESSED (England and Wales) LEVEL 1/C BADGE ASSESSED (Scotland)	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A
		1 x LEVEL 1 UNASSESSED (England and Wales) LEVEL 1/C BADGE UNASSESSED (Scotland)				
TIER 5 AND BELOW	2	LEVEL 1 UNASSESSED (England and Wales) LEVEL 1/C BADGE UNASSESSED (Scotland)	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	UMPIRES			TECHNICAL OFFICIALS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	2	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) B BADGE (Scotland)	YES (LEVEL 2/B BADGE OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL)	1	N/A	NO
NATIONAL VASE	2	LEVEL 2 (England and Wales) B BADGE (Scotland)	YES (LEVEL 2/B BADGE OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL)	1	N/A	N/A
NATIONAL TROPHY	2	LEVEL 1 ASSESSED (England and Wales) LEVEL 1/C BADGE ASSESSED (Scotland)	YES (LEVEL 2/B BADGE OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL)	N/A	N/A	N/A
CONFERENCE CUP/TROPHY/SHIELD	2	1 x LEVEL 1 ASSESSED (England and Wales) LEVEL 1/C BADGE ASSESSED (Scotland)	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A
		1 x LEVEL 1 UNASSESSED (England and Wales) LEVEL 1/C BADGE UNASSESSED (Scotland)				

LACROSSE

LEAGUES	REFEREES (MEN'S LACROSSE)/UMPIRES (WOMEN'S LACROSSE)		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER	2	MEN'S: LEVEL 1 WOMEN'S: ENTRY LEVEL (England and Wales), LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	NO
TIER 1	2	MEN'S: LEVEL 1 WOMEN'S: ENTRY LEVEL (England and Wales), LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	NO
TIER 2	2	MEN'S: LEVEL 1 WOMEN'S: ENTRY LEVEL (England and Wales), LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	NO
TIER 3 AND BELOW	2	MEN'S: LEVEL 1 WOMEN'S: ENTRY LEVEL (England and Wales), LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	NO
KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES (MEN'S LACROSSE)/UMPIRES (WOMEN'S LACROSSE)		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	2	MEN'S: LEVEL 1 WOMEN'S: ENTRY LEVEL (England and Wales), LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	ONLY SEMI-FINAL ONWARDS
NATIONAL TROPHY	2	MEN'S: LEVEL 1 WOMEN'S: ENTRY LEVEL (England and Wales), LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	ONLY FINAL
CONFERENCE CUP	2	MEN'S: LEVEL 1 WOMEN'S: ENTRY LEVEL (England and Wales), LEVEL 1 (Scotland)	ONLY FINAL

NETBALL

LEAGUES	UMPIRES				TECHNICAL OFFICIALS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION*	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION*	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	DO THEY NEED TO BE QUALIFIED?	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER	2	B AWARD	A AWARD	YES	2	NO	NO
TIER 1	2	C AWARD	B AWARD	1 YES, OTHER IDEALLY	N/A	N/A	N/A
TIERS 2-4	2	C AWARD	N/A	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A
TIERS 5-7	2	1 x C AWARD 1 x TRAINEE**	N/A	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A
TIER 8 AND BELOW	2	TRAINEE**	N/A	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A
* For a qualification to be considered valid, an Umpire must hold a current membership with England Netball/Netball Scotland/Netball Wales.							
** TRAINEE = An individual who has attended an "Into Officiating" or "C Award" course within the last 2 years.							

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	UMPIRES				TECHNICAL OFFICIALS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION*	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION*	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	DO THEY NEED TO BE QUALIFIED?	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	2	B AWARD (MIN 12 MONTHS)	A AWARD	YES	2	YES FOR FINAL, NO FOR ALL OTHER ROUNDS	YES FOR FINAL, NO FOR ALL OTHER ROUNDS
NATIONAL TROPHY	2	C AWARD	B AWARD	1 ALL ROUNDS, 2 FOR FINAL	2 FOR FINAL, N/A FOR ALL OTHER ROUNDS	YES FOR FINAL, N/A FOR ALL OTHER ROUNDS	YES FOR FINAL, N/A FOR ALL OTHER ROUNDS
CONFERENCE CUP	2	C AWARD	N/A	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A
CONFERENCE TROPHY	2	1 x C AWARD 1 x TRAINEE**	N/A	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A
CONFERENCE SHIELD	2	TRAINEE**	N/A	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A
* For a qualification to be considered valid, an Umpire must hold a current membership with England Netball/Netball Scotland/Netball Wales.							
**TRAINEE = An individual who has attended an "Into Officiating" or "C Award" course within the last 2 years.							

RUGBY LEAGUE

	REFEREES			TOUCH JUDGES				
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	NUMBER RECOMMENDED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
NATIONAL LEAGUE AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	1	GRADED	YES	N/A	2	NONE	RFL QUALIFIED MATCH OFFICIAL	NO
ALL OTHER LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	1	LEVEL 1	YES	N/A	2	NONE	RFL QUALIFIED MATCH OFFICIAL	NO

RUGBY UNION

LEAGUES	REFEREES				TOUCH JUDGES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER (MEN'S NATIONAL)	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 4*	YES	2	N/A	NO
PREMIER TIER (WOMEN'S NATIONAL)	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 4*	YES	2	N/A	NO
PREMIER TIER (MEN'S NORTH/SOUTH 1/2)	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 5*	YES	2	N/A	NO
PREMIER TIER (WOMEN'S NORTH/SOUTH)	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 5*	YES	2	N/A	NO
TIER 1	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 6 (MEN)* GRADE 7 (WOMEN)*	YES	N/A	N/A	NO
TIER 2	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 7 (MEN)* GRADE 8 (WOMEN)*	NO	N/A	N/A	NO
TIER 3 AND BELOW	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 8*	NO	N/A	N/A	NO
*The Level 2 (e.g. England Rugby Refereeing Award) is the basic qualification. Officials also hold a Grade 'Level' (12 up to 1).							

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES				TOUCH JUDGES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 4*	YES	2	N/A	NO
NATIONAL VASE	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 5*	YES	2	N/A	NO
NATIONAL TROPHY	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 5*	YES	2 (MEN) N/A (WOMEN)	N/A	NO
CONFERENCE CUP	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 6*	ONLY FOR FINAL	N/A	N/A	NO
CONFERENCE TROPHY	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 7*	ONLY FOR FINAL	N/A	N/A	NO
CONFERENCE SHIELD	1	LEVEL 2*	GRADE 8*	ONLY FOR FINAL	N/A	N/A	NO
*The Level 2 (e.g. England Rugby Refereeing Award) is the basic qualification. Officials also hold a Grade 'Level' (12 up to 1).							

SOFTBALL

	UMPIRES		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	1	APPOINTED BY BSUK	YES

SQUASH

	OFFICIALS			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	MATCHES ARE SELF-OFFICIATED*			
*BUCS will appoint officials for National Championship and National Trophy Finals.				

TABLE TENNIS

	OFFICIALS			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	MATCHES ARE SELF-OFFICIATED*			
* BUCS will appoint officials for National Championship and National Trophy Finals.				

TENNIS

	OFFICIALS			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	MATCHES ARE SELF-OFFICIATED*			
* BUCS will appoint officials for National League Super Weekends and the finals of the National Championship, National Vase and National Trophy Finals.				

VOLLEYBALL

LEAGUES	REFEREES			LINE JUDGES			SCORERS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER	2	GRADE 4 (THIS WILL BE INCREASED TO GRADE 3 FOR 2026-27)	NO	2	COMPETENT*	NO	1	EXPERIENCED*	NO
TIER 1	2	GRADE 4	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	EXPERIENCED*	NO
TIER 2	2	GRADE 4	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	COMPETENT*	NO
TIER 3 AND BELOW	2	GRADE 4	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	COMPETENT*	NO
*Do not need to be formally qualified.									

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES			LINE JUDGES			SCORERS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	2	GRADE 3	ONLY FROM QUARTER-FINALS ONWARDS (GRADE 2 OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL)	2	COMPETENT*	NO	1	EXPERIENCED*	NO
NATIONAL TROPHY	2	GRADE 4	YES (GRADE 2 OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL)	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	EXPERIENCED*	NO
CONFERENCE CUP	2	GRADE 4	ONLY FINAL (GRADE 2 OR HIGHER CONSIDERED NEUTRAL)	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	EXPERIENCED*	NO
*Do not need to be formally qualified.									

WATER POLO

LEAGUES	REFEREES			TABLE OFFICIALS		
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
PREMIER TIER	2	REGIONAL	1 YES, OTHER IDEALLY	2*	CTO	NO
TIER 1	2	REGIONAL	1 YES, OTHER IDEALLY	2*	CTO	NO
TIER 2 AND BELOW	2	1 x REGIONAL 1 x CLUB	NO	2*	CTO	NO
<i>*Minimum.</i>						

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	REFEREES			TABLE OFFICIALS		
KNOCKOUT	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	2	REGIONAL	1 YES, OTHER IDEALLY	2*	CTO	IDEALLY
NATIONAL TROPHY	2	REGIONAL	1 YES, OTHER IDEALLY	2*	CTO	IDEALLY
CONFERENCE CUP	2	REGIONAL	ONLY FINAL	2*	CTO	IDEALLY
<i>*Minimum.</i>						

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

	REFEREES			TABLE OFFICIALS			
	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?	NUMBER REQUIRED	MINIMUM LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DO THEY NEED TO BE NEUTRAL?
ALL LEAGUES AND KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS	1*	APPOINTED BY BWB		2	LEVEL 1, REGISTERED AND LICENSED WITH BWB FOR 2025-26	LEVEL 2, REGISTERED AND LICENSED WITH BWB FOR 2025-26	NO
<i>*Two referees where possible. If the BWB Referee Appointments Officer is able to appoint two referees, then institutions/Playing Entities must accept both appointments and cannot decline one of them.</i>							